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1. No new information has been received that would change the basic conclusion reached in Special National Intelligence Estimate 98-67, SECURITY CONDITIONS IN URUGUAY, 23 March 1967, and those additional judgments set forth in paragraph 1 of our 10 April supplement to Situation Report number 33.

2. Presidential escorts, police, and other security forces have performed creditably in getting delegations to the first sessions of the summit meeting and in seeing that hotel entrances were cleared of all persons without security passes. No untoward incidents have occurred. Security of the simultaneous translation system used during confidential meetings at the San Rafael hotel may be ineffective, however.

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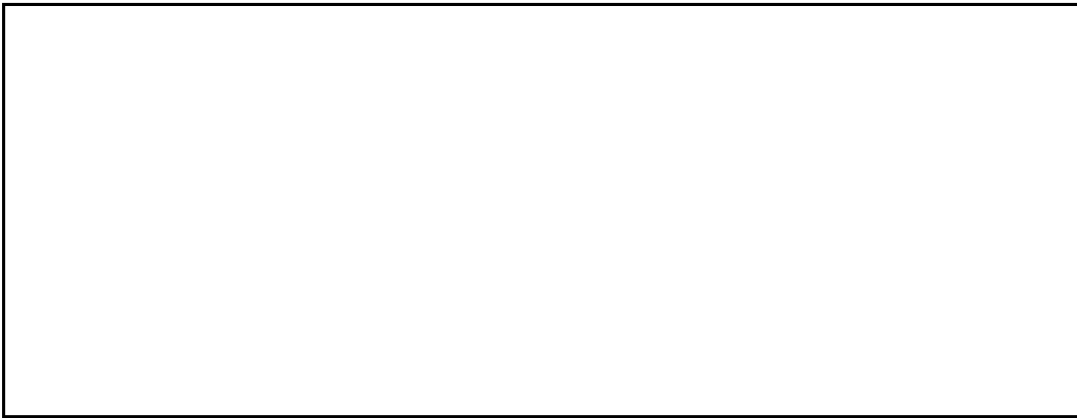
3. The much-vaunted Communist-backed "general strike" on 12 April turned out to be nearly a complete fiasco. Although the municipal bus company in Montevideo went on strike, other bus lines provided sufficient service. Most industrial firms, banks, and other commercial and retail establishments were open, as were the schools. The Communists, who almost surely realized that a strike based on such obviously political issues was going to fail, had already reduced their propaganda support. They are now devoting most of their propaganda attention to student incidents.

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4. In downtown Montevideo on 12 April, two powerful bombs went off at 3:40 AM local time. They did considerable damage to the Uruguayan-owned branch office of the Burroughs Business Machine Company and to an auto showroom across the street. Police investigations have thus far failed to turn up any trace of the devices or any clue as to who planted them.



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6. The much publicized summit protest march from Montevideo to the Punta del Este area ended peacefully and with little fanfare on 12 April. The marchers, who numbered about 100 at the finish, stopped at a road block four miles outside of Punta del Este and were harangued by their leaders for the last time. Then they climbed into buses and rode back to Montevideo.



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The Security Situation in Surinam

9. Preparations for welcoming President Johnson at Zanderij Airport are proceeding smoothly and on schedule. The chances of any hostile demonstrations, embarrassing incidents, or attempts at violence occurring during the presidential stopover are believed to be slight. Surinamese officials are cooperating in helping plan for the brief stop, and good rapport has been established between US and local security officials.

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